



### What Is It?

Building Blocks of Communication™ for Paraprofessionals is a unique, trademarked program designed to help paraprofessionals with experience in early childhood education teach parents strategies to facilitate speech and language in their children in their natural home environment.

### How Does It Work?

This program gives paraprofessionals the tools to help parents of children ages birth to 5 years with mild to moderate speech and language delays to promote language development, literacy and learning. The goal is to help develop language in speech delayed children in order to build the foundation for success in school.

### Why Is It Necessary?

Research shows that a child's speech ability is linked with literacy and ultimately his ability to succeed in school. Without language, there is no literacy; without communication, there is no learning. Children whose parents help them daily in a natural setting are more likely to overcome or greatly improve in their developmental delays.

### Topics Addressed

- Strategies to encourage language using book sharing and play
- Teaching parents to facilitate speech development in their children
- Bilingual language development, including myths and benefits of bilingualism
- Conducting the Building Blocks of Communication™ parent training

### A Little Background

Building Blocks of Communication™ was developed by a multi-disciplinary group of community members in response to an almost epidemic of young children with speech and language delays. Providence Speech and Hearing Center developed and has been conducting the training program since 2010.

### Let's Get Started

Visit [www.pshc.org/bbc](http://www.pshc.org/bbc) to gain access to the Building Blocks of Communication™ online training. Register and submit payment of \$150 online. Complete the training at your own pace. Upon certification, you will have access to information, resources, tools, Q&A forum, and the annual recertification process.